## STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

## PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Indiana recognizes many Hoosier children throughout the state

rely primarily on meals served during the school session as their

sole source of nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of Indiana's over 1.1 million school-aged students

receive their school meals at a free or reduced price; and

**WHEREAS,** Studies have shown the hunger has a negative effects on a child's

academic and behavioral performance; and

**WHEREAS,** The Summer Food Service Program, funded by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture and administered by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) provides nutritious meals to Hoosier children during the summer months when school is not

noosier children during the summer months when school is not

in session; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, IDOE served nearly 3 million meals at more than 1,400

sites throughout the state, partnering with over 260 sponsors to

increase access to nutritional meals for Hoosier children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby

proclaim June 5-9, 2017 as

## SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 15th day of March the year of our Lord 2017 and of the Independence of the United States 241.



BY THE GOVERNOR: EMC Howard